

in consultation with the chairmen of the Senate Committee on Armed Services and the Senate Committee on Finance, appoints the following individual to the United States-China Economic Security Review Commission: Mr. Daniel A. Blumenthal of the District of Columbia for a term expiring December 31, 2007.

ORDERS FOR FRIDAY, FEBRUARY
10, 2006

Mr. FRIST. I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in recess until 9:30 a.m. on Friday, February 10; the time for the two leaders be reserved, and the Senate proceed to a period of morning business until 10 a.m.; further, that at 10 a.m. the Senate resume consideration of S. 852, the asbestos bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PROGRAM

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, the Senate has been on the asbestos bill since Monday. Tomorrow, we will complete a full week of debate and consideration of this very important bill which, as has been said again and again, is a bill that addresses the fact that 150,000 people have lost their jobs, 77 companies have gone bankrupt, and many more are likely to go bankrupt in the future. Most importantly, we have victims of asbestos exposure—whether it is lung cancer or mesothelioma—who are not being compensated in a timely and appropriate way. It is a system crying out for reform.

Tomorrow, we will not have any roll-call votes, given the earlier action we took on the Edelman nomination. We will be continuing debate and discussion of the asbestos bill over the course of the day tomorrow, Friday.

As we look to next week, we will have a busy week as we finish our work for the Presidents Day recess. There

will be votes each day next week beginning with Monday as we wrap up our business.

RECESS UNTIL 9:30 A.M.
TOMORROW

Mr. FRIST. If there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in recess under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 8:28 p.m., recessed until Friday, February 10, 2006, at 9:30 a.m.

CONFIRMATION

Executive nomination confirmed by the Senate Thursday, February 9, 2006:

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

ERIC S. EDELMAN, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR POLICY.
THE ABOVE NOMINATION WAS APPROVED SUBJECT TO THE NOMINEE'S COMMITMENT TO RESPOND TO REQUESTS TO APPEAR AND TESTIFY BEFORE ANY DULY CONSTITUTED COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE.